Popcorn baby hat with a pom-pom

Baby, 3 to 6 months, head 15 in (38 cm) · US terms



Finished size
About 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 6 in (15 cm) deep
To fit a head of 15 in (38 cm)

Skill
Intermediate
Popcorns, a post stitch rib

Yarn
Light (3), 2 colors

Hook
4.5 mm (US 7)

Gauge
15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm)
In single crochet, the popcorns counted as stitches.

You will need

Yarn A: dusty blue, the hat **about 95 yd (87 m), an estimate**
Yarn B: white, the pom-pom **about 20 yd (18 m), an estimate**
Hook: 4.5 mm (US 7). Also: a soft tape measure, a stitch marker, a yarn needle, scissors and a piece of card 2 in (5 cm) wide for the pom-pom.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Yarn A: the estimate is from the stitches and chains of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added. Yarn B: the estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 30 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Newborn	13½ in (34 cm)	12¾ in (32 cm) round, 5 in (13 cm) deep	about 90 yd (82 m)
Baby, 3 to 6 months (this file)	**15 in (38 cm)**	**13¾ in (35 cm) round, 6 in (15 cm) deep**	**about 115 yd (105 m)**
Baby, 6 to 12 months	16½ in (42 cm)	16 in (41 cm) round, 6½ in (17 cm) deep	about 135 yd (123 m)
Toddler	18 in (46 cm)	17 in (43 cm) round, 7¼ in (18 cm) deep	about 160 yd (146 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain
sl st	slip stitch (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
dc	double crochet (UK tr, treble)
st	stitch
rnd	round
RS	right side
MR	magic ring

Special stitches

pc (popcorn): Work 5 double crochet (UK treble) in the place named. Take the hook out of the loop, insert it from front to back under the top of the first of the 5, pick up the dropped loop and pull it through, then pull it snug so that the stitches stand out on the right side, and chain 1 to close them. That chain is the top of the popcorn: in the next round the stitch over the popcorn goes into it. It leaves 1 popcorn for the next row.

FPdc (front post double crochet): Yarn over, insert the hook from front to back and to the front again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands out toward you. It leaves 1 front post double crochet for the next row.

BPdc (back post double crochet): Yarn over, insert the hook from back to front and to the back again around the post of the stitch named, and finish as a double crochet. The post stands away from you. It leaves 1 back post double crochet for the next row.

Gauge

15 stitches and 16 rounds to 4 in (10 cm) in single crochet, the popcorns counted as stitches.

The gauge is measured on the hat itself, at the two places the rounds name: across the crown, which checks the height of the rounds, and round the outside of the hat with a soft tape, along the round just worked, which checks the stitches and so the size round. If the hat measures more round than its round says, begin again with a smaller hook; if less, with a larger one. If it is right round and the crown measures more than it says, your rounds are taller than the gauge and the hat will come out deeper than stated; if the crown measures less, it will come out shallower. The depths below are worked out from the rounds: to 4 in (10 cm) go 16 rounds of single crochet or 8 rounds of double crochet or 8 rounds of post stitches. Post stitches often come out a little shorter than that, and then the hat is a little shallower than stated.

The pattern also stops you to measure after round 8.

Check your gauge on the piece. Begin the pattern and measure the piece itself as you go. After round 12, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 13¾ in (35 cm) round.

Before you start

- Measure the head if you can: put a soft tape round its widest part, across the middle of the forehead and just above the ears, and choose the size whose head measurement is nearest. Each size is made about 1 in (2.5 cm) smaller round than the head it is for, as nearly as whole repeats of its stitches allow, so that it stays on.
- The pattern is written in United States terms, the directions of the special stitches too; the United Kingdom term stands beside each stitch in the list of abbreviations.

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- The hat begins with a magic ring: wrap the yarn once round two fingers, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm), and with the hook draw a loop of the working yarn up through the ring. Keep that loop on the hook and make the chain that round 1 begins with; where round 1 names no chain, make 1 chain to hold the loop, and do not count it. Work the stitches of round 1 into the ring, over the tail too, then pull the tail until the ring is closed.
- The right side of the hat faces you in every round; the rounds are never turned.
- A joined round begins with a chain that does not count as a stitch and ends with a slip stitch in its first stitch. Unless the line says otherwise, the first stitch of the next round goes into the same place as that slip stitch.
- The rounds of the hat that do not end with a join are worked in a spiral: do not join; put a marker in the first stitch of each round and move it up every round.
- A post stitch goes around the post of the stitch straight below it in the round before, whatever kind of stitch that is; the line says whether it is a front post or a back post stitch.
- The number at the end of each line is the number of stitches it has when it is finished; chains and slip stitches that are not named there are not counted.
- Baby, 3 to 6 months: for a head of 15 in (38 cm). The finished hat is about 13¾ in (35 cm) round and about 6 in (15 cm) deep.

Instructions

Chosen: Baby, 3 to 6 months, head 15 in (38 cm). Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a round is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet and dc is treble.

Yarn A, dusty blue.

☐ **Foundation**	Make a magic ring.	
Crown		
☐ **Rnd 1 (RS)**	6 sc in MR	**(6 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 2**	2 sc in each st around	**(12 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 3**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(18 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 4**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(24 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 5**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 6 times**	**(30 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 6**	**[**Sc in next 4 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(36 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 7**	**[**2 sc in next st, sc in next 5 sts**] 6 times**	**(42 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 8**	**[**Sc in next 6 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 6 times**	**(48 sc)**
Stop and measure now, after round 8. After round 8 the crown, laid flat, should measure about 4 in (10 cm) across.		
☐ **Rnd 9**	**[**Sc in next 11 sts, 2 sc in next st**] 4 times**	**(52 sc)**
Sides		
☐ **Rnd 10**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 11**	**[**Pc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**	**(13 pc, 39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 12**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

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> **Stop and measure now, after round 12.** After round 12, put a soft tape round the outside of the hat along that round, without pulling it in: the hat should measure about 13¾ in (35 cm) round.

☐ **Rnd 13**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 14**	**[**Sc in next 2 sts, pc in next st, sc in next st**] 13 times**	**(39 sc, 13 pc)**
☐ **Rnds 15 to 16**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

A box for each round, 15 to 16: tick them off as you go.

☐ 15 ☐ 16

☐ **Rnd 17**	**[**Pc in next st, sc in next 3 sts**] 13 times**	**(13 pc, 39 sc)**
☐ **Rnd 18**	Sc in each st around	**(52 sc)**

Slip stitch in the next stitch, which is the first stitch of round 18, to level the round. The first stitch of round 19 goes into that same stitch.

Brim

☐ **Rnd 19**	Ch 3, dc in each st around, sl st in first dc to join	**(52 dc)**
☐ **Rnds 20 to 21**	Ch 3, **[**FPdc around next st, BPdc around next st**] 26 times**, sl st in first FPdc to join	**(26 FPdc, 26 BPdc)**

A box for each round, 20 to 21: tick them off as you go.

☐ 20 ☐ 21

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of 6 in (15 cm).	

Assembly

1. Pull the ring at the start of the hat closed once more and weave its tail through the stitches of round 1 on the inside.

2. Pom-pom: wrap yarn B 110 times round a piece of card 2 in (5 cm) wide. Slide the wraps off, tie them very tightly round the middle with the middle of a strand 16 in (40 cm) long and leave both ends of this tie hanging long: they sew the pom-pom on, so hold them out of the way of the scissors. Cut the loops at both ends of the bundle, shake the pom-pom out and trim the cut strands, not the two ends of the tie, to a ball about 1¾ in (4 cm) across. Sew it firmly to the top of the crown with the two ends of the tie, through the hat and back, and fasten them on the inside.

Finishing

- Weave in every end on the inside of the hat.

In all: 21 rounds; 4 ends to weave in.

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